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**Now that you’ve learnt all 46 Hiragana characters, there are a few more things we can do to change the sound of a Hiragana.**

1. **Add ‘DAKUTEN’. (゛)**

You can use ‘DAKUTEN’, (they are usually called ‘ten-ten’ because it is easier to remember) to change the sound of a Hiragana character in the K, S, T & H lines.

***If you add ‘ten-ten’ to******the K line it changes to a ‘G’ sound.***

*eg:* か (ka) *becomes* **が (ga)**

***The S line changes to a ‘Z’ sound***

***The T line changes to a ‘D’ sound***

***The H line changes to a ‘B’ sound***

There are a few exceptions to these rules. Your teacher will tell you what they are. When you know the exceptions, you can write them in the space below.

1. **Add ‘HANDAKUTEN’. (゜)**

You use ‘HANDAKUTEN’, (which are usually called ‘maru’) to change a Hiragana character in

the ***H line to a ‘P’ sound***

*eg:* は (ha) *becomes* **ぱ (pa)**

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**Note: When you add a ‘ten-ten’ or a ‘maru’ to a hiragana you should add it in the top right corner.**

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| **Extra Notes:** |

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**Combination Hiragana**

There are only a few more things that you need to learn about using the Hiragana writing script.

One is combining two hiragana characters to make new sounds like ‘kya’, ‘sha’, ‘ju’, ‘byo’, etc..

To do this you use small ‘や’ (ya), ‘ゆ’ (yu) and ‘よ’ (yo) with the ‘i’ sounds from the K, S, T, N, H, M and R lines. So for example, if you write ち(chi) with a small よ(yo) you will make ちょ(cho).

Be careful though. You must write a SMALL や、ゆ　and よ. If you write them normal size the pronunciation is different. Let’s have a look at the difference.

eg: ちょ = CHO ちよ = chiyo

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**Note: When you write these combination letters the Hiragana sounds still go in two squares, not one square. But the small や、ゆ、and よ　should be written in the bottom left corner of the second square.**

Have a look at this example

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Can you see how to write them? Now it’s your turn to try. Use the boxes below to practise writing the combination Hiragana. *Remember: each Hiragana character must still have its own square.*

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